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appointment are caused by persistent attemptsto send small valuable trifles through the
Post. Fines, Curios, Articles of Dress,
and all of the same weight, are not ad-
mittedly refused, the senders having
often spent more in Postage than would
have paid the freight by steamer. No
refund can be made on such parcels of the
value of Stamps obliterated before the
nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post

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than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2
in. Such parcels may be wholly closed,
if they bear this special endorsement,
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declared to the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels
for India a declaration of contents and
value is required, a printed form for which
is supplied gratis. The Registration of
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whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or
likely to become offensive or injurious in
transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded

by Parcel Ship, and by Express Mail
Packet. To India they are forwarded by
the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only,
to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No respon-
sibility is accepted with regard to any
parcel, unless Registered, and then only to
the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to con-

found these facilities with a Parcel Post to
Europe, &c., which does not exist.It is necessary that the following rules
be strictly observed:1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be
registered or unregistered, can be received

for Postage if it contains gold or silver
money, jewels, precious articles, or any-
thing that, as a general rule, is liable to
contaminations.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending
of Patterns of doubtful articles, unless the
quantity sent be so small as to make the
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The Post Office is not legally responsible
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spondence, but it is prepared to make good the
contents of such correspondence lost while
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1. That the sender duly observed all the
conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such applica-
tion unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
fied that the loss occurred whilst the corre-
spondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
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which reach their destination, although in a
broken or deteriorated condition.

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sent or delayed (both of which are liable to
happen occasionally) all that the addressee
needs do is to note on the cover, Sent to
or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case
may be, and forward it without any
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